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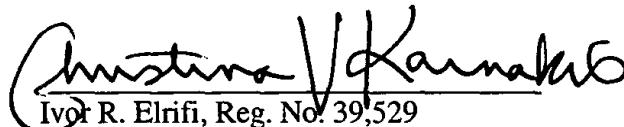
### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed January 15, 2003 (6 pgs.); and
2. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-638CIP1 (Cura-138CIP1). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed. If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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